New Bedford, Aug 28, 1857.

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

A rainy morning has brought me the pleasure of replying to your very kind and deeply interesting letter, a pleasure I have coveted every day since its reception. I am very glad that the emigrants from our garden reward your care by their beauty, and should like to send you a pet verbena, to us a new variety, which is thought very pretty for a hanging basket in winter. I hope your sister will again

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be the medicine of transportation this autumn, as she gave me an interest in your garden. You, dear Mrs. Chapman, I have to thank for an earlier culture which I have never forgotten, and may for a later, if I do justice to my opportunities. I have never been a laborer in the anti-slavery cause, although my heart has not been untouched by its claims, nor unmoved by the wrongs of the oppressed. I have never done anything more than to express unpopular sentiments in a quiet way; and if I live to see slavery abolished, as

you think I may. I shall not have the satisfaction of having served in a single battle, unless at the eleventh hour. I rejoice however at the prospect of freedom for our country, and am grateful to those who labor to secure its blessings alike to all.

Although Mr. Mandell does not fully sympathize with the views of the prominent abolitionists, yet he works in his own way, and would, I know, be willing to give all he possesses to see our country truly a land of freedom.

I am happy to enclose a trifle for the Liberty Bell,

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an annual always welcome to our fireside for many reasons.

I hope to look in at the next Bazaar, a pleasure I have lost for the last two years. I am constantly reminded of our obligations to the Bazaar by the enjoyment of some beautiful drawings by Bailey that grace our walls.

Mr. Mandell joins me in best regards to your sister and yourself, and with many thanks for your kind letter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A. C. Mandell.

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